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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

“Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel...
That Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures...”
I Corinthians 15:1-3

With these words, Frank Ramseur, pastor of Calvary Chapel in Chattanooga, opened the Spiritual Life Conference at the beginning of our 84th year with “The Story of the Gospel” as our theme. Frank is one of three senior pastors who spoke during the conference, laying the foundation for the mission of Bryan that has been faithfully lived out for more than eight decades. Following Pastor Ramseur, Kevin Smith of New City Fellowship and Chris Sorensen from the Mission in Chattanooga spoke of the change that the gospel brings in our lives and the challenge to live out our faith in a world that desperately needs our Savior.

Throughout the year, “The Story of the Gospel” will be developed through many venues. During our Service Day on Tuesday, October 8, students and staff at the college will be hosting our first Luke 14 event, modeled after Joni Eareckson Tada’s ministry of reaching out to the disabled in our community. Disabled students ranging in age from kindergarten through high school will be on campus for four hours partnered with a Bryan student “buddy.” Many planned activities for the day will enable us to live out Jesus’s command: “When you put on a luncheon. . . invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind” (Luke 14:12-13).

This new school year also brings a new look and features to Bryan Life. As the gospel is central to our mission of educating students to become servants of Christ to make a difference in today’s world, our redesign emphasis is “what makes Bryan Bryan”—the alumni, students, faculty and staff who are living out our mission at home and abroad. This edition features Dr. Phil Lestmann, professor of mathematics; Dr. Martin Hartzell, professor of biology; and alumnus Dr. Brian Eisenback, assistant professor of biology.

Also in this edition of Bryan Life is the story of one of the unique features of Bryan, the Acts Project. A group of students spent the summer in multiple sites across the globe living out their faith, ministering the gospel story in word and deed to hundreds in numerous walks of life.



The gospel is the basis for our mission and our motto of Christ Above All in and outside of the classroom. Every course we teach is examined through the lens of a biblical worldview. All of our faculty are required in every course to engage our students with the significance of a biblical worldview for that subject.

So as we begin our 84th year, we once again focus on the foundation for all of life and living—the story of the gospel. Our hope is not in a religion or in a creed. Rather, it is in the person of the God-man, Jesus Christ, who paid the penalty for our sins and lives forever in heaven making intercession for us.

This is the only message that can change hearts and lives, and that message is boldly and winsomely proclaimed and lived out on the Hill. Thank you for your faithful prayer and support for all in the Bryan community, and I hope we will see you on campus soon.

Stephen D. Livesay

SPOTLIGHT

> DR. GARY PHILLIPS

Dr. Gary Phillips has a string of academic accolades after his name, including earned degrees from Vanderbilt University (B.A.), Dallas Theological Seminary (Th.M.), and Grace Theological Seminary (Th.D.). He is a former Bryan College faculty member of 24 years and current member of the board of trustees and founding pastor of Signal Mountain Bible Church. At Bryan, Dr. Phillips was named Distinguished Professor of Biblical Studies and Chairman of Biblical Studies.

These biographical facts are impressive, but one thing that those who know Dr. Phillips will say of him is that he is a humble teacher who loves Jesus. And Dr. Phillips would graciously reply that these traits are not specific to him, but characteristic of faculty and staff at Bryan College.

“I loved spending time with my faculty colleagues,” says Dr. Phillips. “And I loved their respect for God’s Word and desire to engage their discipline from a biblical world view. If anyone even suggested lowering the number of Bible hours required of all students, they’d have to do battle first with the teachers in the science department – then the English and history and psychology and education departments.”

Spiritual camaraderie is at the heart of Bryan’s mission and purpose, despite all college changes over the past two decades: “Obviously, I love the new look to the campus – it is so beautiful. But with or without the facilities, Bryan College has always been about the people, and primarily about faculty-student relationships. My excitement about Bryan is tethered to the people who are investing themselves to make a difference in the lives of students, and mentoring them “to make a difference in today’s world.””

When asked if he could impart any wisdom to current Bryan students, Dr. Phillips encouraged them to “grasp that principle that education should be doxological” in that every academic subject points back to Lord as Creator “and when I am a good and faithful steward of both learning and integrating that knowledge, God is glorified and I please Him.”

By Allison Haupert ‘98



Dr. Phillips has published books and articles on worldview apologetics and has served as an officer in both the Evangelical Theological Society and the Evangelical Philosophical Society.

Did you know?

He also serves as Vice-Chairman of the Board of Trustees for Bible In The Schools, a 90-year-old organization supporting 16 full time teachers (several of them Bryan College alumni) within the Chattanooga public school system. He has also been a volunteer Bible teacher for the Officer’s Christian Fellowship retreat center in Pennsylvania for 30 years.

*on the
Personal
side...*

Dr. Phillips and his wife Betsy have three children and four remarkable grandchildren.

WELCOME class of 2017

They came from a plethora of different countries, academic backgrounds, and life experiences, but the class of 2017 was united in their decision to spend their next four years on the Hill. As they arrived on August 24th, the 223 new students were swarmed by student leaders ready to help them carry their luggage right up to their dorm rooms. Once they settled in, they were sent into a full week of orientation events, from snow-cone socials with the Student Government Association to a three-day Spiritual Life Conference with local pastors. Student Body President Joseph Murphy encouraged new students to “get as involved as you can” and soak in all that Bryan has to offer. This year’s Spiritual Life Conference set the tone for the semester, as Pastor Frank Ramseur, Reverend Kevin Smith, and Father Chris Sorensen spoke on the gospel and its influence on our lives.

Check out the Bryan chapel blog here for more information: bcchapel.squarespace.com/#/gospel/

Bryan freshmen and transfers will embark on the unique experience of the Bryan Journey this year, which QEP Coordinator Keri-Lynn Paulson says will focus on three key areas of developing successful students: “academic success, written competency and information literacy, and spiritual formation.” Freshmen will be participating in a variety of experiences that will facilitate this growth, from a College Success Seminar to services provided by the Academic Support Center. Freshman Katie Duong spoke to her positive experience thus far, stating that “the upperclassmen are very resourceful and willing to help out.” This sense of community and camaraderie between upperclassmen and underclassmen and between faculty and students is truly what distinguishes Bryan College as a place to be poured into and excel in every facet of life.

By Allison Baker, Senior



PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARS

The Presidential Merit Scholarship is the highest academic award presented by Bryan College. Recipients are determined based on a combination of scholastic achievement

in high school, outstanding performance on college entrance exams, and an interview with Bryan faculty. The 2013 Presidential Merit Scholars include:



Gladys Ellis
Littleton, Colo.
Psychology
Ware Presidential Scholar

Catherine Poole
Ringgold, Tenn.
Spanish
Ware Presidential Scholar

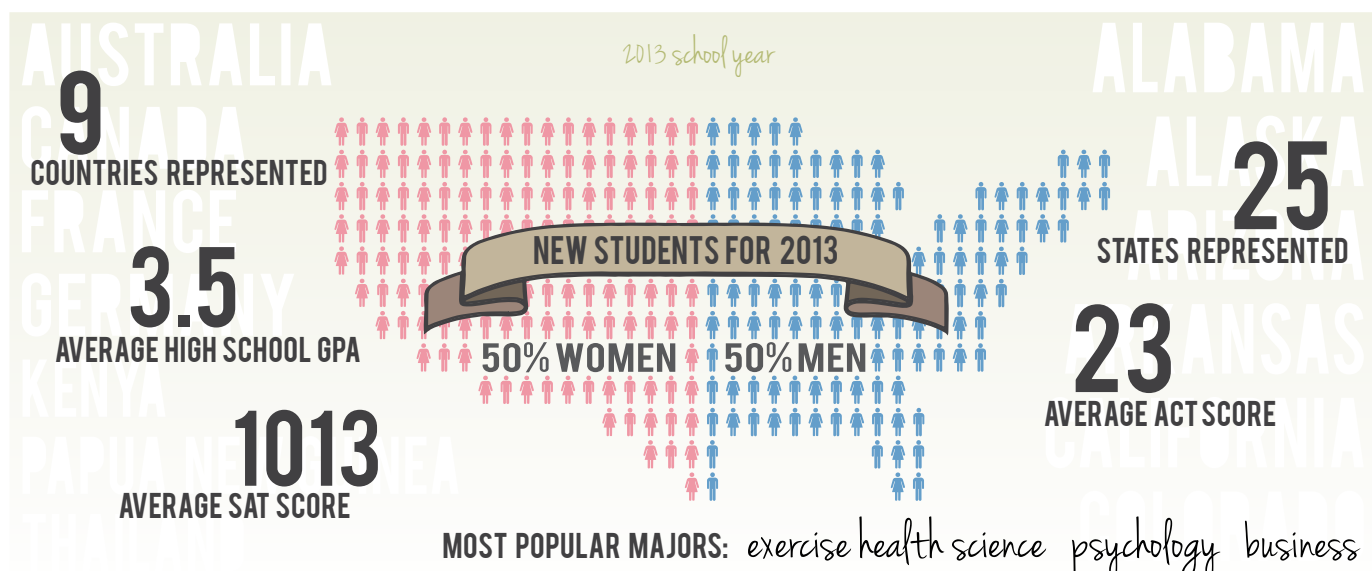
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Knoxville, Tenn.
Business

Rachel Liebert
Limestone, Tenn.
Communication
Studies

Peter Hodgson
Orange, Calif.
Politics &
Government

Allison Boggess
Marietta, Ga.
Psychology

2013: NEW STUDENTS



ESPN Co-founder Scott Rasmussen To speak at Bryan Opportunity Program Dinner

ESPN Co-founder and political analyst, Scott Rasmussen, will be the featured speaker at the 2014 Bryan Opportunity Program Dinner April 10.

The Bryan Opportunity Program is a guarantee by the college that academically qualified students from Tennessee families with \$35,000 or less annual income will receive scholarship and/or grant funds to meet the cost of tuition at Bryan College. In many cases, additional funds are provided to offset the cost of room and board.

Over \$1,000,000 has been raised, and 159 students have benefitted from this program since its inception in 2008. 69 students are currently enrolled at Bryan thanks to this program.

Scheduled each year in April, the Opportunity Program Dinner is the major fund-raiser to support the program. Support of the host committee, consisting of alumni and friends of the college, and gifts and pledges made at the dinner provide the scholarship funds offered to students. Previous speakers have included columnist Cal Thomas; Col. Oliver North; eldest son of President Ronald Reagan, Michael Reagan; and Leigh Anne Tuohy, real-life mom portrayed by Sandra Bullock in *The Blind Side*.

The Wall Street Journal calls Scott Rasmussen is “a key player in the contact sport of politics.”



Scott and his father founded the cable sports network ESPN.

The Washington Post adds that he is a “driving force in American politics.”

Scott became a New York Times bestselling author with “The People’s Money” demonstrating how the American people are the solution to budget issues, rather than the problem. In an earlier book, “In Search of Self-Governance,” Scott noted that “the American people do not want to be governed from the left, the right, or even the center. They want to govern themselves.”

Scott founded Rasmussen Reports and led the firm to become the most visited public opinion web site and the most searched for source of public opinion data on Google.

For more information and to register for the dinner, visit www.bryan.edu/dinner.

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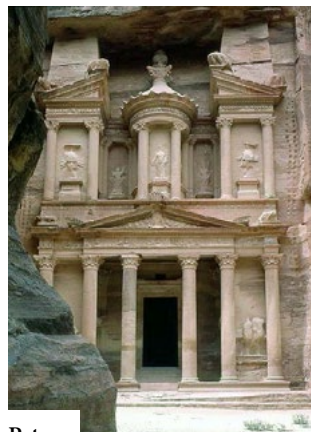
A 15 Day Inspirational Tour

Scripture will spring to life during the 15-day inspirational tour of Israel, Jordan, and Rome on June 7-21, 2014.

Dr. and Mrs. Livesay look forward to joining the tour, along with two Bryan College professors, Dr. Scott Jones (Christian ministry) and Dr. Jud Davis (Greek). The trip requires a minimum of 20 persons, and registration is now open.

Those interested in joining this tour may contact Dr. Jones at 423.775.7455 or by email at sjones1797@bryan.edu.

» pilgrimtours.com/groups/bcIsraelJordanRome.htm



Petra



Tel Aviv

Eric Metaxas: Live Simulcast



Bryan College was excited to bring author Eric Metaxas from Dallas, TX, in a live simulcast on Sept. 17 in Rudd Auditorium. Metaxas spoke on “7 Men and the Secret of Their Greatness,” his new book highlighting the lives of inspirational leaders such as George Washington, Jackie Robinson, and Chuck Colson.

A concert by David Benedict’s Acoustic Trio, made up of one senior and two alumni of Bryan – David Benedict, Kristin Underwood ’12, and Michael Moore ’13 – opened the event,

which was sponsored by Dayton’s La-Z-Boy plant and local churches Stuart Heights Baptist Church (Soddy Daisy) and Calvary Chapel (Chattanooga).

Ben Norquist, Bryan’s director of faith and mission expresses the college’s delight in offering access to such “high tier speakers” as Metaxas to the community: “In a day in which we idolize celebrities and entertainers, Eric Metaxas has written a book that elevates men of character, bravery, and faith.”

ACTS 2013 P

“The most meaningful time for me was simply relationships with them, and seeing the awesome

“How intent God is in getting His gift of salvation across to people!” senior Emily Moon declares in reaction to the Lord’s work in Ireland during her time there this summer with the Acts Project. Emily is one of 15 Bryan College students this year who have had the opportunity to travel overseas

Matt Benson, vice president for spiritual formation, believes the Acts Project shows students that “if God has gifted us with skills, they’re spiritual gifts that He wants to utilize for His kingdom’s advance.” Because students of all majors are encouraged to participate, they are able to bring a

Kenya – and used their time, their talents, and their education to minister to everyone they came in contact with, from Indian missionaries to Kenyan orphans.

The 15th intern, senior Lauren Roberson embarks this fall on her own internship student teaching in Vienna, which will enable her to fulfill the re-

“It became very real to me that there is indeed power in the name of Jesus.”

- Lauren Keck, Zambia

for internships with Bryan partners Operation Mobilization, Word for the World, Gethsemane International, and the International Christian School of Vienna.

From its brainstorming stages over 10 years ago to its current place as one of Bryan College’s most prominent ministries, the Acts Project has placed more than 150 students in internships around the world to learn how they can use their gifts and their education to make an eternal difference in the lives of others.

broad range of skills and expertise to the table in the ministries with which they are positioned.

From mid-May through the end of July, 14 of the 15 interns stayed in one of six countries – England, Ireland, India, Zambia, Moldova, or



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living everyday life with these people, building changes in their lives.” - *Matthew Habermas*, Kenya

quirements of her history and education majors, along with providing her the chance to influence the next generation in a different nation.

“When we student teachers were given the option to teach abroad, I jumped at the chance.”

- *Lauren Robertson*, Austria

Benson says that the Acts Project encourages students to see that “missions is a challenge to be lived out rather than an adventure to be remembered.” It is about having an awareness of the

Lord’s presence in the world, about seeing the pervasive poverty around us, and about living faithfully on the mountaintops and in the valleys alike.

Senior Matthew Habermas’ reflection captures this spirit: “I know that God has used this experience to transform me, most simply in bringing me to show God’s love to others in everyday life, a Christian’s true ministry.” Matthew was stationed with Gethsemane International in Kenya. Living in and becoming

the “big brother” of an orphanage of 30 children, he taught the orphans about the Bible and how to know their faith.

“It became very real to me that there is indeed power in the name of Jesus,” said Lauren Keck, a sophomore psychology major who spent her months ministering in Zambia. It is realizations like this that show the value in developing a missions-oriented life.

By *Chloe Ann Nardone* ‘13



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1. Tommy Stines
► INDIA

2. Matthew Habermas
► KENYA

3. Joanna Hill
► IRELAND

4. Emily Moon
► IRELAND

5. Andrew Conn
► ENGLAND

6. Naomi Lee
► ENGLAND

7. Katie Smith
► IRELAND

8. Claire Friesen
► INDIA

9. Lauren Keck
► ZAMBIA

10. Callie Dawkins
► ZAMBIA

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“How intent God is in getting
His gift of salvation across to people!”

- Emily Moon, Ireland

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“Though I was in a different culture,
with different people on the other side
of the world, it was clearly evident that
God is at work in India.”

- Brad McKeehan, India



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IRELAND

ENGLAND

AUSTRIA

MOLDOVA

INDIA

KENYA

ZAMBIA

11. Brad McKeehan
► INDIA

12. Chloe Pool
► ZAMBIA

13. Jasmine Mhlanga
► INDIA



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“I had the opportunity to give out Bibles to kids and adults
who have never had one before.”

- Kaylie Connell, Moldova

THE CHAPEL AT BRYAN COLLEGE



Dr. John Perkins

10 a.m. - Monday, October 7
10 a.m. - Wednesday, October 9
Rudd Auditorium



Music & Worship: Josh Bales

10 a.m. - Friday, October 11
Rudd Auditorium



Concert: Audio Adrenaline

7:30 p.m. - Sunday, October 13
Rudd Auditorium



Dr. Brian Fikkert

10 a.m. - Wednesday, October 16
Rudd Auditorium



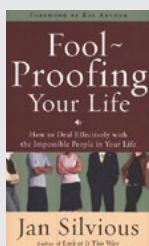
Dr. Matt Benson

10 a.m. - Monday, November 4
Rudd Auditorium



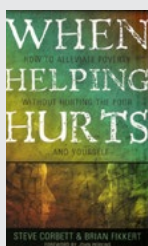
Jan Silvius

10 a.m. - Wednesday, November 20
Rudd Auditorium



Jan Silvius

Fool Proofing Your Life: How to Deal Effectively with the Impossible People in your Life



Dr. Brian Fikkert

When Helping Hurts: Alleviating Poverty without Hurting the Poor



Dr. John Perkins

Let Justice Roll Down

BOOKS

HILLSIDE CHAT

➤ DR. PHIL LESTMANN

Dr. Phil Lestmann, now in his 35th year teaching mathematics at Bryan, tells a favorite joke in class: He uses only easy problems in class “to make the teacher look good,” assigns hard problems from students’ homework, and saves the impossible problems for exams. Kelly Findley ’13 may not disagree.

Last year Findley had a calculus problem he couldn’t figure out. He asked Dr. Lestmann for help, but not even the math professor could figure it out. At lunch a few days later, Findley found Dr. Lestmann, who began scribbling on a napkin. When he handed it to Findley, the entire problem was sketched on the napkin — front and back. “It’s almost like he’s taking the class with you as a professor,” Findley said. “He doesn’t just coast through.”

Findley still has the napkin and plans on showing his graduate professors at Florida State University what kind of teacher he expects them to be.

Dr. Lestmann began teaching at Bryan in 1977, but took a couple years in the late ‘80s to work on the Titan II rocket for the Aerospace Corporation think tank. Known by his students as a punster, he also takes the beginning of each math class

to teach something historical or philosophical. Findley compared Dr. Lestmann to a “philosopher on the side.”

Danielle Forrester ’08 was a math-averse English major who had Dr. Lestmann for a general education math class. “He was very good at easing tensions at the beginning of his classes and always had a fantastically cheesy joke,” she said. “I loved that.”

Students also esteem Dr. Lestmann for his humility. Most at Bryan have to hear through the grapevine that he has memorized the entire New Testament and the Psalms. He began memorizing individual verses in the ‘70s. “Memorizing a verse here and there is okay, but I feel as if I’m missing something,” he said.

Dr. Lestmann, whose four daughters are Bryan alumni and whose wife, Darlene, works in the music department, says his favorite part of being at Bryan is developing lifelong relationships with students. Some of his students now serve as Bible translators in the Solomon Islands, teach university-level math courses, and run large companies. “It’s that kind of lifelong establishment you have with people,” he said. “We all have a purpose here.”

By Michael Reneau ’09



HILLSIDE CHAT

➤ DR. MARTY HARTZELL

Growing up in the country, Dr. Marty Hartzell, professor of biology and head of Bryan's biology department, had a childhood full of scientific exploration. His parents taught him the joy of studying creation, and his young scientific mind flourished during his years as an undergraduate at Cedarville and a graduate at Indiana.

Now with 38 years of teaching behind him, Dr. Hartzell shares his love of nature and human anatomy with students. Whether he is teaching zoology, anatomy, or nutrition, he inspires students of any major to buckle down and study so they can build on the material they know toward future goals.

"Some [students] have not been pushed to memorize," he says, due to the powerful technology available today. "They were encouraged to look it up as needed, but we want our students to know the material."

Many of Dr. Hartzell's students have felt the pressure of that high standard. Annette Cummings '96 says, "His courses were harder than my graduate courses. After his tests, the graduate school tests were a breeze." Mrs. Cummings studied nursing at Vanderbilt after completing her degree at Bryan.

"I really love Dr. Hartzell," Mrs. Cummings says. "He pushed me to a new level."

"We take after the Marine Corps," Dr. Hartzell quips. Bryan's biology department is "looking for a few good graduates."

He aims to teach top-quality, God-honoring courses that require students to learn the content, holding their feet to the fire, if needed.

Meredith Tilly '93 remembers how he helped her identify her strengths and encouraged her to press on. "[He] cared about how things were going," she says. "He fostered in me a passion for finding the fingerprint of God in the world around me."

"That's a little too flowery for me, but that's about right," Dr. Hartzell says, noting that Bryan's biology department works to help students see God throughout creation. "Especially in human anatomy," he notes, "you see how everything makes sense."

Dr. Hartzell intends to retire from full-time work in May 2015, which will make 40 years of teaching excellence.

By Phil Wade '94



HILLSIDE CHAT

➤ DR. BRIAN EISENBACK

Science is about creation – about the work of God’s hands, so studying the world around us necessitates pondering God as creator.

This is Dr. Brian Eisenback’s philosophy on teaching the sciences. He points out that as we read through the Psalms we see a prevalent theme of celebration over God’s creation. “That’s what I feel like I’m doing when I learn about and when I teach about the natural world,” he says.

Dr. Eisenback earned his undergraduate degree in biology from Bryan in 2002, went on to obtain his PhD in forest entomology from Virginia Tech, and returned to his alma mater as a professor in 2008.

He is now entering his sixth year as a faculty member. Among his favorite courses to teach are botany and general biology because he loves watching his students progress in their thoughts, from coming in science-shy on the first day to being able to “leave with a better understanding.”

A solid college education takes presentations, internships, and research. In light of this belief, Dr. Eisenback co-founded the Bryan College Undergraduate Research Conference, which is entering its fourth consecutive year. He has also involved stu-

dents in researching, tracking, and controlling the invasive hemlock wooly adelgid insect in local forests, a mission for which he has a particular passion.

“The more students and professors interact, the better we know one another. And the better we know one another, the more the Bryan College community builds,” he explains. His openness and approachability, coupled with his belief in “maintaining high academic integrity and high academic rigor” have drawn students to him through the years, earning their affection and respect.

Sharon Smythe, former Bryan biology major and 2011 alumna, worked as Dr. Eisenback’s student assistant for over a year and spent much time in his office discussing life, philosophy, and science. She describes Dr. Eisenback as a man of “compassion, humility, honest thought, and the fairly rare ability to read his students and adjust his explanations accordingly” and says, “I would pay Dr. Eisenback the highest compliment I can for his roles as professor and mentor.”

Dr. Eisenback currently resides in the Dayton community with his wife, Ashley, and their young daughter Madeline. He can be found outdoors hiking and photographing nature, or spending time with his family.

By Chloe Ann Nardone '13



Did you know?

Dr. Eisenback was a legacy student—his mother and father, Dr. Jonathan Eisenback '74 and Marilyn Hawkins Eisenback '75, both attended Bryan. They were even married on campus!

Dr. Eisenback gave the vespers address to graduating seniors in May.

Set to graduate in May 2014, senior Will Jones, son of English professor Dr. Whit Jones, has already gained valuable in-the-field experience that will benefit him far into his future. As a double major in both English and politics and government, Jones has applied himself to a broad range of studies, from British literature to constitutional law. He says, “My education at Bryan has given me the opportunity to learn a great deal from many disciplines, to dabble in different areas. It’s been useful for developing all different skill sets.”

Over his college career he has been involved with SGA, written for the Triangle, tutored writing, and drafted over 100 pages for a new literature curriculum. In addition, he has played rugby regularly, was appointed president of the Bryan College chapter of the Sigma Tau Delta English

Honors Society this year, and has held three internships.

The Tenn. Legislative Internship in Nashville over this past spring semester was the most recent of these. During his time in Nashville, Jones was able to work and interact with such notable politicians as Sen. Ken Yager and many representatives of various districts.

He cites local involvement as a key part of his – and of any student’s – college education. “There are always organizations willing to give the experience. It’s best to start early,” he advises current and prospective students. “Take every opportunity that you can get.”

By Chloe Ann Nardone ’13

STUDENT HIGHLIGHT WILL JONES



STUDENT HIGHLIGHT ASHTON ALEXANDER



Ashton Alexander, a senior English and politics and government double major from Memphis, Tenn., has excelled in his time at Bryan, both on campus and in the world beyond the Hill.

From the time Alexander was a freshman, professor Col. Ron Pettite had recommended that he apply for the prestigious American Political Science Association (APSA) Ralph Bunche Fellows program in Chicago, which offers mentorship and in-depth education in sociology, ethics, and quantitative analysis. This year Alexander was one of only 14 students nationwide to be named a 2013 Ralph Bunche Fellow.

Alexander was also accepted into Wheaton College’s four-week Summer Institute for Literary and Cultural Studies in June,

during which time he was able to prepare for graduate school through writing samples and GRE preparation. “With the resources I’ve been given I have been able to narrow my interest,” he says. “I feel like it’s doable, and that I will do well.”

As a student at Bryan, Alexander participates in debate and works as a consultant for the Writing Center. He also preaches at New Emmanuel Missionary Baptist Church in Chattanooga, where he mentors at-risk young men and helps convicted felons transition into school or a trade.

This young man’s greatest dream is to one day pastor a church and run for political office, and he is well on his way.

By Chloe Ann Nardone ’13

Beauty Forged Through Suffering

Not too many years ago I was living the American dream – happily married for 23 years, two beautiful children, and a successful career. I honestly lived in a spiritual bubble, and spiritual platitudes rolled off my tongue with great ease. Brokenness had never crossed my path. Then the roof caved in. Abandoned and betrayed, my two children and I were left without a husband, a father, or a provider. Where do you go when you see your life lying at your feet in a million tiny pieces?

What has been your brokenness? If you haven't been there, chances are you or someone you love will be at some point in your life. It wears many faces: the loss of a marriage, child, or parents; sickness; a child who has turned his or her back on God; financial ruin. Whatever your loss or brokenness, can you say with confidence, "I know all things work together for good to those who love God"?

In the middle of tragedy Satan would love to drive us to the point of doubting God's goodness and faithfulness, much less that He can bring something good out of it. But this I know: God is faithful, God is truthful, and God loves us. I knew He would not let me or my children go, and He will not let you go, either.

God knew when I came through the doors of Bryan as a freshman what the future would hold for me. He prepared me here with a Biblical foundation for life, teaching me that Christianity was not just a piece of my life; knowing and loving God is life itself. Bryan has continued to be a place of great healing and growth over the years, and it is such a privilege to be a part of the Bryan community. Allow God to bring beauty from your ashes, whatever they may be. God does forge beauty in the fiery depths of our deepest wounds if we allow Him to. Broken soil is fertile ground, for good or for evil, and it is my prayer that we choose good.



"And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose... who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ... For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Romans 8:28-39

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2013 HOMECOMING

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Carey Jackson

Featured Alumnus

As a high school student Carey Jackson had been told that he wrote poorly; that he would never amount to anything; that he was not smart enough to go to college. Fewer than ten years later, Jackson graduated from Bryan College with a B.A. in chemistry and a brilliant future ahead of him.

Jackson first visited the college during his junior year of high school. His application to enroll was accepted, and he began his student career in 1964. It is at Bryan, he says, that he learned how to write well, to think well, and to be a lifelong student, pointing out that “what serves you your entire life are critical thinking, creative writing, problem-solving, and how to live in a Godless world.”

Much of his time at Bryan was spent studying, dedicating time to his work-study job in maintenance, and dating the woman who is now his wife of nearly 50 years, the former Elaine Coulter. He remembers music and “the fellowship, encouragement and camaraderie” of the Bryan College Choir and Madrigal Singers (now called the Bryan College Chamber Singers) as an important aspect of his years at Bryan.

Early on he became involved in Sale Creek Presbyterian Church, where the renowned Dr. Irving Jensen was pastor. Under Dr. Jensen’s guidance Jackson’s eyes were opened to how to study the Bible inductively with a true love of the Scriptures. The Jacksons have gone on to extensive ministry themselves in every state they have lived, “mentoring



hundreds of people in studying the Word.” When living in N.Y. for a time they led a small group study with young people in college and just starting careers, all hungry for Scripture, with up to 30 of them fitting into the Jacksons’ 1,400-square-foot house.

Distinction marks Jackson’s professional career. Having realized his passion for research after running a small business in vehicle repairs in college, he developed a solid work ethic early. In the 1980s he helped develop the inner liner of the gloves used for NASA’s space shuttle suits, technology sold to ILC Dover, America’s current space suit manufacturer. He has also worked for numerous companies involved in chemical waste recycling, conversion, and product development and quality assurance. After acting as business manager at his church in Sumter, S.C., he and Elaine moved back to Chattanooga in 2012, where they now live.

By Chloe Ann Nardone ‘13

James & Sarah Folsom



Featured Alumni

Folsom became president of Bryan's Enactus team during his senior year, leading the team to win the regional competition and advance to compete at the national level. He again attended regionals in April, but this time as a representative of and recruiter for Clorox, the very company to which his college Enactus experience had opened doors.

Sarah Folsom is thriving in what she calls her position as a third-grade teacher at Newport Intermediate School, a low-income inner city elementary school in Newport, Ky. "I am still amazed at how God gave me my dream job," she says, reflecting on the opportunity she has to work beside talented, compassionate teachers, along with building relationships with her young students and their families.

Few people today can say that they wake up excited to go to work, eager to face the challenges, and confident that the day's tasks will make a quantifiable difference to the people around them. Since graduating from Bryan in 2012, James and Sarah Folsom have begun their life together as husband and wife and embarked on careers that enable them to use their talents and passions to exact positive change in their spheres of influence.

In June 2013 following an in-depth internship, James Folsom, who majored in business finance, began working for Clorox, a Fortune 500 company. He was soon promoted from supply chain analyst to senior sales analyst for the Kroger account, Clorox's fifth largest customer in the nation. He analyzes market and consumer trends by product line and region, strategizing how to position the company against its competitors.

At Bryan Sarah's eyes were opened to her passion for helping and teaching children. She participated in the Break for Change ministry as a team member in 2009 and 2010, then as a leader in 2011. Her work with foreign children on these trips taught her that a child's most fundamental need is to be loved and cared for – no matter the place, no matter the child.

James and Sarah both affirm that the work ethic Bryan instilled in them has helped to place them where they are today, particularly through the accessibility of the professors and the encouragement to develop a strong work ethic. James concludes, "Bryan is a school that will make students work hard," and it is that hardworking, service-oriented mentality that has propelled this young couple so far already.

By Chloe Ann Nardone '13

TAYLOR HASTY

STEPS INTO AD ROLE

Since the time Dr. Sandy Zensen retired from his 23-year career as athletic director (AD) to continue teaching in Bryan's department of Christian studies, the AD role has been filled by baseball coach Taylor Hasty.

Hasty is entering his eighth year coaching baseball at Bryan – sixth as head coach. He graduated from Bryan in 2006 with a B.A. in history and went on to obtain an M.S. in sports management from the United States Sports Academy in 2010.

Described by his players as a mentor and “wonderful man of God” who is passionate, and “dedicated to his players on and off the field,” Hasty will now oversee Bryan's many athletic programs. He says that he looks forward to rising to the challenge of AD through the support of other coaches, staff, and faculty because success hinges upon getting everybody working together with the common goal of excellence in all things.

When asked about his most important priorities in his new position, Hasty explained that an AD must be able to lead leaders, serve his coaches and athletes, and support them to pursue quality not only on the field, in the court, and on campus, but also out into the community. Hasty notes that “a system of self-sacrifice will trickle down from leaders who set that standard,” and such has become his responsibility.

Hasty affirms that faith in and passion for the Lord must come foremost for an AD. “There is no more important thing we can do than to see our athletes fall in love with Christ,” he says. “God doesn't want us to separate our faith from any aspect of life.” He con-



tinues by noting that athletics provides “a unique way of introducing Scripture and Jesus into the lives of student athletes. It starts with a coaching staff that loves the Lord.”

“Coach Hasty will be a great asset to the athletic department as our AD,” observes Jordan Day '12, assistant baseball coach. Day points out that because Hasty has been “such a positive influence on so many young men while at the helm of the baseball program,” his new position as AD will enable him to reach even more young people.

By Chloe Ann Nardone '13



WOMEN'S SOCCER

Coach Mark Sauve anticipates “one of the best teams that we have ever assembled here at Bryan” for his women’s soccer team, and if their 3-0 start is any indication, the Lady Lions are headed for an extremely successful season. Sauve is counting on seniors Stephanie Gagnon (GK) and Kaitlyn Bryant (MF) to carry the Lions in conference play, and cites an emphasis on healthy players as

the key to a solid record this year. The women will also be working hard to keep up their track record of excellence in the classroom, with a team average GPA of 3.33 last season. Even though prospects are bright for women’s soccer this year, Sauve is careful to keep things in perspective: “Yes, we play to represent ourselves, our family, and our school; but ultimately we represent Christ, and our actions should demonstrate that.”

By Allison Baker, Senior

MEN'S SOCCER

When Coach Joey Johnson reflects on his team, words such as “grace, love, perseverance, unselfishness, service, and unity” come to his mind. The statistics speak for themselves – the men’s soccer team was ranked 15th last year in the national rankings and are 8-1 so far this season. This year’s recruits and returning players offer high hopes for another men’s soccer AAC championship in 2013; the Lions are No. 23 in the 2013 NAIA Modified Ratings Percentage Index (MRPI) and are

now No. 25 in the coaches’ poll. But Johnson doesn’t single out individual players, firmly stating that every player is “unique and valuable” in his eyes. Specific rankings or wins aren’t at the forefront of his playbook, as he instead seeks to cultivate a team that “works very hard for each other to strive towards reaching their full potential collectively.” He is committed to setting the standard for this in his coaching, providing a “consistent example of something different than the world is living for.” Both on the field and off, Coach Johnson will be leading the Lions to excellence this year.

By Allison Baker, Senior





CROSS COUNTRY

Expectations are high for the Bryan College cross-country team, which holds the highest ranking of any Bryan team at sixth in the NAIA Men's Cross Country Coaches' Top 25 Poll. Accolades were many for Coach Bryson Harper and his team last season, with the men's team winning their fourth straight AAC Conference Championship, seven runners named to All-Conference 1st Team, four All-American Athletes, and a 13th-place finish at the NAIA

National Championship. Harper's determination and work ethic doesn't stop there, as he promotes the idea of "athletic students," propelling both the men's and women's teams to average team GPAs of over 3.5. Rather than speculating on the upcoming season, Harper prefers to ignore the hype and "go into every race with the expectation that we will give a high effort." Always encouraging his athletes to remember the Source of their ability, he notes, "Not one of the athletes could compete on such a high level without God's gifts."

By Allison Baker, Senior

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Although the Lady Lions volleyball team is coming off of a hall-mark year, with their first AAC Conference Tournament Championship, first AAC Conference Regular Season Championship, and their first appearance at the NAIA National Championship, Coach David Schumaker isn't resting on his laurels. The AAC 2012 Coach of the Year notes that this year is an opportunity to make an even bigger statement as a team, with the majority of last year's starters returning, notably seniors Chelsea Breaden (OH), Corrie Walker (L/DS), and Carolyn Evans (MB) and junior All-American Taylor Fink (S). Joining them is a solid group of recruits, includ-

ing transfer Ashley Ferris (MB/RS) and freshman Kara Stamper (OH/MB). Schumaker is quick to note that along with their first-place AAC preseason ranking, they were named an NAIA All-Scholar Team last year, demonstrating the emphasis placed on rigor both in the classroom and on the court. Schumaker looks forward to another year of leading his players closer together and to the Lord: "I want my faith to pervade everything I do, and our whole approach to volleyball is different as a result of this philosophy. Winning is a byproduct of the ultimate goal of excellence."

By Allison Baker, Senior



BASKETBALL PLAYERS MENTOR LOCAL YOUTH



Last spring Bryan basketball coach Don Rekoske informed the team of a tutoring and coaching opportunity for a local Rhea Central student. Players Alan Holt and Brandon Cole volunteered. Once a week Holt and Cole picked him up from school and spent an hour tutoring him in his coursework, followed by an hour practicing basketball with him. Not only did the players work with the boy, Holt and Cole also invited him to come and watch them play during their basketball games. During the time these players had spent with the student, they began to see their time investment's impact in his life, not only academically, but also personally. He has started out shy but began to open up during their time together. "It was really cool to get to see him grow as a person," Holt says. They hope to be able to minister in the same way this coming year.

By Michelle Barger, Sophomore



DR. SANDY ZENSEN

An acquaintance of Dr. Sandy Zensen '02H, upon hearing of the Zensens' move in 1990 from the pastorate at First Baptist Church in Catskill, N.Y., to Bryan College to coach soccer, recently asked him, "Why'd you leave the ministry?" Zensen's justifiably short reply was, "I didn't. I just switched my focus."

Such reasoning has defined the legacy of "Dr. Z," who recently retired as Bryan's athletic director. Although his vaunted record as a soccer coach (268-134-27) speaks for itself and he has received an abundance of coaching awards (as a matter of fact, the Appalachian Athletic Conference recently renamed an award "The Dr. Sandy Zensen Champion of Character Award"), Zensen claims that his greatest satisfaction lies in the transformation of the men and women he has been able to teach, to coach, and to mold.

At the urging of Dr. Ken Froemke, a former Bryan professor and a long-time friend, Zensen left his post in N.Y. for Bryan College because he believes that coaching a sport and

teaching Bible classes are "a perfect marriage." This position allowed him to connect to young people and shape their character, their minds, their beliefs, and ultimately, their faith in ways inaccessible through the pulpit. Zensen commonly told recruits, "If you come to Bryan, you're going to get introduced to Jesus." This comprehensive view of the gospel as integral to each nook and cranny of life – to sports as well as to academia – provided Zensen's classes with purpose and his practices with an eternal perspective.

This perspective is most evident in his favorite story, which was of an international senior who had arrived at Bryan as an unbeliever but had since come to faith. While weeping in center of the field after his final match at Bryan, the young man thanked Coach Zensen for the memories, but "most of all for teaching me about Jesus." It is for reasons such as these that, as this Lion of Valor again "switches his focus," his roar will reverberate on the hill.

By Daniel Zimmerman '10

performance ARTS schedule

2013-2014

— 2013 —

Sept. 27

Fine Arts Concert: Swingtime Orchestra (Big Band)

Tickets required

Oct. 29 - Nov. 2

Music Department and Hilltop Players:

You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown (revised) (the musical)

By Charles M. Schulz and Clark Gesner

Tickets required

Nov. 8

Fine Arts Concert: Fall Musical Showcase

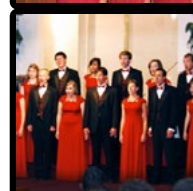
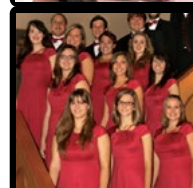
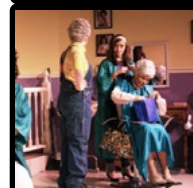
Featuring Dr. Sigrid Luther performing *Rhapsody in Blue*

Dec. 6 - 7

Fine Arts Christmas Concert: Many Moods of Christmas

Seasonal Christmas Music for Choirs and Orchestra

Tickets required



— 2014 —

Jan. 24 - Feb. 1

Hilltop Players Dessert Theatre: *The Importance of Being Earnest*

By Oscar Wilde

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Feb. 21 - 22

Bryan Opera Theatre: *Pirates of Penzance*

By Gilbert and Sullivan

Tickets required

March 21

Fine Arts Concert: Voices Uplifted

Featuring Bryan College Choral Ensembles

April 10 - 12

Hilltop Players: *Kind Lady*

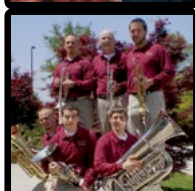
By Edward Chodorov

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May 2

Fine Arts Concert: Spring Musical Showcase

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RECENT GRADUATE MEAGAN MCINTYRE

As a business student at Bryan College Meagan McIntyre was always passionate about people and about learning. Her work with Bryan's Enactus team, her long-term leadership of a young women's Bible study, and her internship as a financial assistant with the Acts Project, enabled her to exercise her love for helping others.

Now a recent graduate and an associate of the sales academy at SAP, the global market leader in the business software industry, she continues to develop her talents in the professional world. SAP is training her to be an account executive for the company through a program that fits years of training and experience into a single six-month period of time.

McIntyre has seen how business has the potential to make a lasting difference in the world. "Going into business, I have the opportunity to join with SAP in their vision to help the world run better and improve people's lives, and I also have the chance to interface with many people and share my faith," she says.

"It's not about how big the school is – it's about how the school prepares you. And Bryan definitely trained me well."

By Chloe Ann Nardone '13

1950s



Cary '58 and Verna Perdue announce their 55th anniversary.

1970s



Elizabeth Tucker Simmons '75 is teaching fourth grade and band in the Forsyth County school system.

Steve Smith '75 just began his 27th year as a psychologist for Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools, is a teacher in the children's ministry, and directs the home fellowship ministry at NHC.

Vicky (Bentley) Smith '76 retired from teaching in Rutherford County schools after 32 years and is at New Heights Chapel (NHC) in Murfreesboro, Tenn. as Children's Ministry Director.

2000s



Chip '00 and Mary Miller '01 announce the birth of their daughter Evie Grace on March 27, 2013.



Quentin '03 and Jessica '03 McCuiston announce the adoption of their daughter Tessa Kamohelo, born in South Africa on August 27, 2011. The McCuistons live in New York City, where Quentin and Jessica both work in the performing arts.



David and Dr. Kerri '02 Brackney announce the birth of their daughter Ade-lynn on May 20, 2013.

Pavel and Emily '09 Fesyuk announce the birth of their son Dominik.



Laura Furlough '07x married Geoff Barham October 20, 2012, in Greensboro, N.C. Bryan alumni in the wedding party included **Katie Fridsma, '07, Heidi (Immel) Schumaker '07, Natalie (Hayes) Tyler '07, And Becca (Carpenter) Jemison '07.** The Barhams live in Greensboro, N.C., where Laura works for Guilford Technical Community College.



Michael '10 and Melissa '09 Schroeder announce the birth of their son Will.



Stephanie Wade '09 married Charlie Judd on Sept. 2, 2012, on Saint Simons Island, Ga. Bryan alumni in the wedding party included **Rosalind Ellis '09, Lindsay Matlock '09, Lily Shanks '09, and Jana Villanueva '09.** Stephanie works in the media center at a public school. The Judds live in Savannah, Ga.

Eric '09 and Rachel South McEachron were married August 11, 2012.



Sam '07 and Erin '08 Barrick announce the birth of their daughter **Lilliah Eden** on April 11, 2013, in Mount Vernon, Ohio.



Erin Anthony '11 married **Jonathan Rice** on July 27, 2013 in Roanoke, Va. Alumni in the wedding party included **Kristin Anthony '12, Beverly (Hoffman) Anthony '85, Dawn Hoffman '89, Cheryl (Hoffman) Little '82, Rachel Solid '11, Kelly (Shannon) Davie '11, Jordan Pilgrim '11, Katie Wilkens '11, Ryan Anderson '12, Elizabeth (Beard) Foster '11, Sammy Foster '12, Jim Hill '83, Debbie (Rodey) Hill '83, Jenny Harvey '11.**



Chad '10 and Renee '07 Hughes announce the birth of their son **Graham** on April 3, 2013.



Brian '11 and Lauren '11 Mullenix were wed Aug. 6, 2013. Alumni in the wedding party included **Brian Edgerton '07, Blakeley Spencer Edgerton '07, Ryan Traub '09, Tina Johnson Readling '99, Ryan Yontz '11, Lauren Hess Yontz '11, Whitney Boggs '11, Kara Mullennix '12, and Doug Stroup '12.** Brian works for Briggs & Stratton, and Lauren is a licensed massage therapist working for Eagles Landing Wellness & Chiropractor Center. The Mullenixes live in McDonough, Ga.



Joshua McGowan '10 and Danielle Rebman '08 were wed May 18, 2013 in Fort Valley, Ga. The wedding party included **Josh Bogle '10 and Amy Hutchinson.** The McGowans currently live in Tulsa, Okla.

Andrea Milligan '11 has received her M.S. in marriage and family therapy from Lee University.

2010s

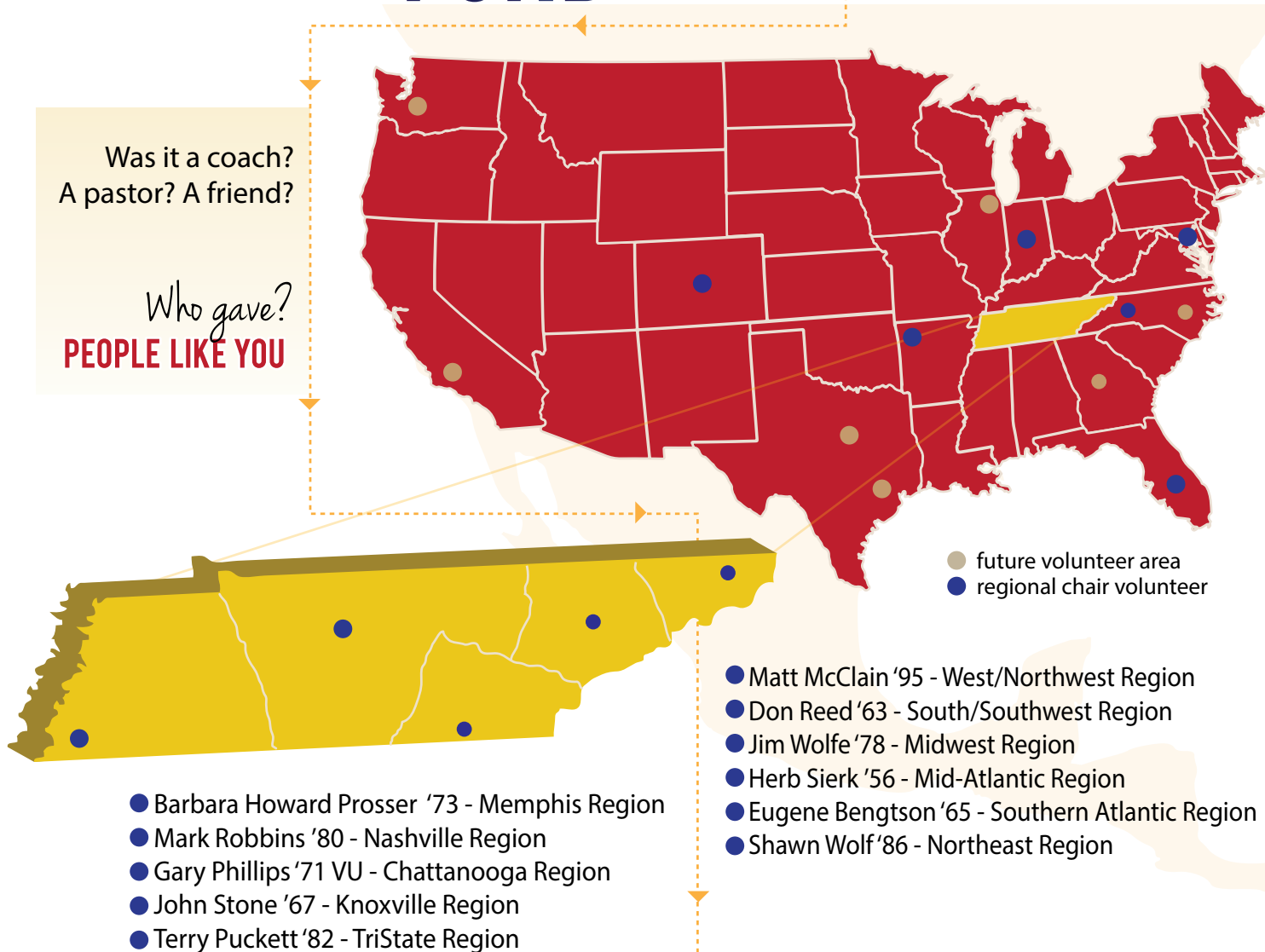
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NEW Ed.D.s KATIE SAYNES AND MATT JOHNSON

Dr. Steve Bradshaw, Dr. Clark Rose and 18 students attended the American Association of Christian Counselors (AAAC) World Conference in Nashville, Tenn., Sept. 11-14

Dr. Randy Hollingsworth and his wife, Jennifer traveled to Zambia for the month of July this summer. They worked with the mission organization “Gospelink” to teach Bible students at the International Bible College of Zambia. Dr. Hollingsworth taught two classes: Interpersonal Communication (to help them as ministers and counselors to their congregations) and Persuasive Communication (to help them plan, promote, and implement church planting and other ministries in Zambia and Malawi).

Dr. Phil Lestmann attended the biennial conference of the Association of Christians in the Mathematical Sciences at Bethel University in St. Paul, Minn. from May 29 to June 1. One plenary speaker discussed robotics with ethics. There are many thorny questions related to the use of robots in warfare and the interface of robots with humans. Another spoke about the search al-

gorithm that has made Google the number one search engine on the Internet.

Bruce Morgan attended the annual Association of Christians in Student Development (ACSD) conference at Northwest Nazarene University in Nampa, Idaho, June 2-6. He participated in ACSD Diversity Team meetings and was a mentor for a couple of young black male student affairs professionals.

Dr. Michele Pascucci attended the XXXI International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association (LASA), May 30 - June 1, in Washington, DC.

In July, **Dr. Michele Pascucci** gave a presentation entitled, “Word Recognition Logs: A Simple, Effective Tool for Engaging Students in Spanish Outside the Classroom,” at the 95th Annual Conference of the American Association of Teachers of Spanish & Portuguese (AATSP), in San Antonio, Texas.

Sam Youngs edited the book reviews section of the latest issue of *American Theological Inquiry*.



Dr. Scott Jones attended the National Leadership Forum's "Marching Off the Map: Charting the Course for the Next Decade of Student Development" at the Georgia Tech Conference Center in Atlanta, Ga., June 27-28. Dr. Jones also attended the 2013 Music Minister Leadership Conference's "It's Coming Again".at Brentwood Baptist Church in Brentwood, Tenn. on Aug. 2-3.

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R. Donald Weltmer '56, of Drums, Pa., died June 19, 2013.

Tom Sutton '57x, of Littleton, Colo., died Sept. 3, 2013.

Ruth Phipps Webster '60x, of Pottstown, Pa., died Aug. 30, 2013.

Faith Sandford Boyce '61, of Bradenton, Fla., died Aug. 21, 2013.

H. Wayne Kiser '62x, of Traverse City, Mich., died Aug. 17, 2013.

Linda (Guess) Ferguson '67x, of Hixon, Tenn., died May 26, 2013.

Lois McDonald Cunningham '69x, of Ooltewah, Tenn., died June 16, 2013.

Elizabeth B. Norman '70, formerly of Dayton, Tenn.,
died Aug. 22, 2013, in Shreveport, La.

Brenda Wikoff Heaton '71, of Littleton, Colo., died December 2012.

Elizabeth Boeddeker Sullivan '72, of Wake Forest, N.C., died Sept. 9, 2013.

Douglas Mathew Clark '76, of Charlotte, N.C., died Aug. 4, 2013.

Hayden Lavo '10, of Anchorage, Alaska, died Sept. 19, 2013.

Erwin "Lat" D. Latimer '08H, trustee emeritus, died Sept. 24, 2013.

Richard Barnhart, former Bryan professor, died April 25, 2013.

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